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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Satoshi EJIMA et al.

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Application No.: 09/842,084

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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**  
**AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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